

## Water-Dependent Cultural RMS – Working Outline

### RMS Objective:

- Increase awareness and consideration of water-dependent cultural uses, resources, practices and perspectives within water management decisions.
- Expand the discussion on cultural considerations
- Provide tools to identify and address cultural factors relating to water planning and management.

### Current Setting: What is the current situation? Why are cultural considerations important?

- “Cultural Resource Management” requirements (environmental impact reports/statements)
- State Historic Preservation Office (preserving things/places)
- AB 716 (valuing historic features, lifeways, community identities)
- Environmental justice and public trust (equitable distribution of effects)
- Understand current water resource conditions (e.g. legacy effects of mining practices)
- Understand context for water management decisions
- Other...

### Definition:

- What is it? (lifeways, religious practices, community identity, beliefs and values)
- Who is affected?
- When and where does it occur?

### Examples of Water Resource and Management Aspects:

- Water Supply
- In-stream Flows
- Water Quality
- Construction Activities
- Conservation
- Other...

### Examples of Cultural Aspects:

- Subsistence activities: fishing, root/reed collection
- Ceremonies
- Culturally/historically significant objects
- Recreation activities
- Places of historical and community significance
- Other...

### Examples of Cultural Values (perspectives, viewpoints) regarding water and subsequent influence on water management strategies:

- Water is fun – high emphasis on recreational opportunities
- Water is abundant – low emphasis on conservation
- Water is sacred – high emphasis on protection
- Water is scarce – high emphasis on supply
- “Not in My Backyard” – e.g. “toilet-to-tap” and facilities siting
- Other

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Tool kit – how to address

- “Outreach and education”
  - Information sharing including traditional, technical and place-based knowledge
  - User-friendly communication methods and approaches
  - Partnering with non-profits and advocacy groups
  - Interpretive information, displays and events
- Access to cultural sites and support of cultural activities and practices
- Preservation and restoration activities
- Cultural resource monitoring
- Examples of best practices
- References and contact
- Other...

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